



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

St. James Catholic Church

3909 Harrison * Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Our Mission

We, the people of the St. James community in faith, commit ourselves to building the Reign of God for all people, serving especially our neighbors in Midtown, Kansas City.

Our Vision

St. James Parish will be a vital Catholic Christian presence at the crossroads of Kansas City, meeting the spiritual needs of our members and impacting both the midtown neighborhood and the larger community. We will be a growing and diverse community where worship and sacramental life are joyful and vibrant; where people are empowered to live the Gospel; and where, especially, the needs of the poor and disenfranchised are lovingly and humbly addressed.

Mass Schedule

Sunday **10:00 am**

Confessions

By appointment only

Parish Office

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Labourer with a heavy burden

<https://pixabay.com/en/hard-labour-sacks-transportation-285215/>

"Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."

~ Matthew 11:28

Bulletin Deadline:

Mondays

~ St. James Parish Updates ~

- **CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

St. James parents of small children are invited to let their children participate in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word during Mass at St. James.

- **COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES**

This Sunday we will begin to offer Communion under both species--bread and wine. Everyone has the choice to receive bread or bread and wine. There will be two cup ministers, and we will monitor the need to increase that number if needed. Masks need to be removed to receive from the cup. The Leadership Team made this decision after several parishioners asked about it. It is our hope that this will offer a greater depth of faith experience for those receiving both bread and wine.

- **ST. JAMES HARVESTERS OPPORTUNITY**

Our regular Harvesters volunteer day this month will be on Tuesday, July 11 from 6-8 pm. We moved it a week later because of the Independence Day holiday. Harvesters is located at 3801 Topping Ave. Volunteers must be 8 years old or older. All volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes, long pants. Consider bringing 1 canned or other non-perishable food item. Please contact/text Barbara Schepers at 816-810-8809 if you plan to attend.

- **ST. JAMES COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Summer vegetables will soon be ready to pick. But until then, enjoy the following:

South Garden

Bed 16: Swiss Chard Beds 17 and 18: Kale

There might even be some blackberries and raspberries.

Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the **Independent Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

SUNDAYS AT ST. JAMES

1st Sunday - TROOST39
OPEN W/ HOSPITALITY

2nd Sunday - FAITH
FORMATION SUNDAY

3rd Sunday - HOSPITALITY
SUNDAY

4th Sunday - PANTRY
SUNDAY

5th Sunday - 5th SUNDAY
CELEBRATION



Reflection from Deacon Ross Beaudoin

Anybody hear about the decisions handed down by the Supreme Court in the past couple of weeks? Maybe it would be simpler to ask who did not hear about at least some of those recently decided cases....

Among other Supreme Court cases, there were seven that were most carefully watched because of the enormous impact these decisions will have on countless lives now and for years to come. A lot is at stake here!

The major decisions handed down by the Court this June dealt with voting rights and the role of states, affirmative action in college admissions, student loans, LGBTQ rights, and employer accommodation of religious rights of employees.

Now, you and I surely have some definite points of view on these issues. We may or may not agree with the decisions of the high court. (Not all the Justices agree with the decisions handed down, either; thus “dissenting opinions” are written!)

The judgments of the US Supreme Court are efforts to address issues of society in equitable ways in line with the Constitution of the United States. The Court may “get it right” in some cases and may “miss the mark” in others. So, how do we uphold the core values addressed in these cases, especially when individual or corporate interests may be pushing in opposite directions?

Jesus gives us some interesting [startling?] guidance in today’s gospel. “Father...what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children.”

Jesus challenges us to consider the values decided by the Court from the uncomplicated perspective of a child! Neither we nor anyone among us “has all the answers.” We must accept that reality and keep our minds open to the truth no matter where we find it. When we are tempted to think that only we have all the answers, we will find that leads to burdens we cannot bear... Jesus in today’s gospel brings us this message: “when you are weary and find life burdensome...Come to me and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.”

Yes, the US Supreme Court may have recently handed down decisions on many important matters. It is now up to us to weigh those decisions and their impact. We can do that with integrity and peace of heart if we do it with the heart of Jesus who knows the mind of God: “Learn from me, for “I am gentle and humble of heart.” Following this way of gentleness and humility each of us can be agents for dialog, transformation and increased harmony in our communities. The issues presented to the Supreme Court will get addressed in the community with wise discernment and vigor.

Peace,
Deacon Ross

~ *Around Kansas City* ~

Moms Demand Action

July Upcoming Events and Actions You Can Take to Make a Difference

MO-Kansas City-Meeting, Wednesday, July 12 | 6:30 PM

North Kansas City Library - Large meeting room, lower level

2251 Howell St Kansas City, MO 64116

RSVP for our next local group meeting here: [MO-Kansas City-Meeting](#)

Upcoming Be SMART tabling events:

July 22 | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Gladstone Kid Fest, Linden Square

July 28 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Popcorn in the Park (movie night), Liberty Community Center

Upcoming Elections Team Meeting

Join volunteers from across the state at our next virtual statewide elections team meeting. This meeting is open to any volunteers interested in getting more involved in our Missouri Elections Team's work as we look ahead to 2024.

MO-Statewide-Elections Team Meeting, Monday, July 24 | 7:00 PM

RSVP for our next statewide meeting here: [MO-Statewide-Elections Team Meeting](#)

~ *Stewardship* ~

Week 06/26—07/02: \$4,115

Needed each week: \$4,308

Percent of Weekly Budget: 96%

Actual this Fiscal YTD: \$200,386

Budgeted this Fiscal YTD: \$219,708

Percent of Budget to Date: 91%

~ *We Hold in Prayer* ~

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| • Ed Pailer | • Patricia Cann |
| • Amie Miller | • Beverly Johnson |
| • Artice Cann | • Bill Pickett |
| • Matthew Cann, Jr. | |
| • Marion Shaw | |
| • Sarita Cann | |

~ *Mass Attendance* ~

In-person Attendance

07/02, 13th Sunday in OT 138

Livestream Attendance

07/02, NO Livestreaming

~ *Next Sunday's Readings* ~

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23